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ONSLAUGHT ON NAPLES

Not Till Formidable Artillery Strength Is Massed

LONDON, Sept. 23. The Swiss radio says that the German occupation authorities closed the Italy-Swiss frontier road at Chiasso this morning. It is not known, added the radio, whether this is temporary or permanent.

DRIVE TO NAPLES

The Paris radio said today: "The Americans have landed fresh troops in the region of Amalfi (on the Gulf of Salerno, a few miles west of Salerno). It is believed that General Clark intends to mass formidable artillery strength before pursuing his offensive against Naples."

MORE TOWNS CAPTURED

To-day's North African Allied communiqué as given by the Algiers (United Nations) radio states: "LAND: The Fifth and Eighth Armies have continued their advance. The towns of Ginoza, Avigliano, and Acerno have been captured. The enemy continues to cling hard to his positions in the left sector while attempting to withdraw his western flank."

AIR: During the night of September 21/22

light bombers of the north-west African forces attacked roads and transport in the battle area. Yesterday medium bombers attacked bridges, road junctions, gun positions and enemy concentrations in the battle area, while fighters and fighter-bombers made patrolling sweeps throughout the day, attacking motor trucks and destroying an ammunition dump. Last night road junctions east of Formia were attacked by night bombers. In these operations, one enemy aircraft was destroyed and two of our aircraft are missing.

10-MILE ADVANCE

The announcement of the capture of Avigliano means an advance of ten miles in 24 hours by the Eighth Army moving up from Potenza. It lies north of Potenza just off the main circular road from Potenza to Naples.

Ginoza, also on the Eighth Army front, is in the southernmost sector of the advancing allied line, 12 miles inland from the Gulf of Taranto. It is 30 miles north-west of the port of Taranto itself.

Acerno, the Appennine hill town on the Fifth Army front, is 8 miles north of the twin towns of Monte Corvino and Rovella and 12 miles north-east of San Cipriano the capture of which were announced yesterday.

Liberators Active

CAIRO: To-day's Middle East Air Command communiqué states: "Liberators of the Ninth United States Air Force bombed Maritza (Rhodes) and Elis (Athens) aerodromes yesterday. At Maritza five aircraft aimed at the runway and hangars. Five aircraft on the ground were set on fire and another blew up."

Bengal, including Calcutta, is unquestionably the centre of trouble at this moment. Calcutta has been receiving distressing news both in the city and in the districts. The news is that in the last seven months there has been 30 per cent above the normal and here is a real ground for anxiety. The problem which faces the Government of Bengal, which I would remind the House is a Government of Indian Ministers responsible to the local Legislature and which is statutorily responsible for the food administration, is to obtain sufficient supplies from sources in Bengal and elsewhere and to distribute them adequately. Statutory powers exist for the extraction of excessive merchant stocks, but it has taken time for them to be put into full effect and the province is compelled to rely upon the grains brought by the Central Government from the Punjab and elsewhere in order to make up for the deficiencies of its home crop.

LATE NEWS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. A "communiqué" issued by the United States Navy Department stated that on September 20 six Japanese planes bombed Guadalcanal, causing light damage to installations. On September 21, 12 to 16 Japanese bombers were over Guadalcanal causing light damage and some casualties. Two Japanese planes were shot down.

PRICES TELL TRUTH

"Measures of control have brought the prices in Calcutta down to Rs. 20 per maund after being as high as Rs. 37. PRE-WAR PRICE WAS APPROXIMATELY RS. 4 PER MAUND."

ENOUGH TO FEED CITY

"One thousand seven hundred tons of wheat per day are being brought into Calcutta by the Central Government. Provided effective distribution can be arranged this is more than enough to feed the city itself on a liberable ration basis. The supplies have to cover some of the country districts also."

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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Wavell On His Task In India

WINCHESTER, Sept. 23. The Viceroy-designate Field Marshal Lord Wavell receiving the Freedom of the City of Winchester to-day said: "We have little of which to be ashamed in our dealings with India and very much of which to be proud."

"We have made mistakes in India—mistakes of judgment, one or twice, but very rarely, blunders due to greed or jealousy. But the good that we have done in giving India peace and order, in encouraging the national spirit and in leading India a long way down the road towards independence and freedom, has been on the finest pieces of Government and administration ever accomplished in this world of difficulties and dangers where progress is set for the moment the outlook in India seems dark and the road ahead hard."

"If we can lead India a little further through a few more troubles we shall have set the seal on the great task and can let her direct her own footsteps to the great and prosperous future we hope and believe in co-operation and partnership with the other nations of our Commonwealth."

"In Partnership With Our Commonwealth"

The Viceroy-designate Lord Wavell considers India's first task to be the defeat of Japan. Speaking in London to-day at a reception by the Royal Empire Society attended by the Duke of Gloucester, Lord Wavell said: "I go to India with full realization of the great difficulties and dangers to be faced. India was on the verge of being overtaken by invasion, but now she is moving in company with her Allies to assault the United Nations owe much to her efforts which continue to the end. But we must realise the great strain put on India's economy by the transportation and financial systems are suffering and be careful that we do not put too much strain on her. The next few years will be very critical for India's future. I go there with a sense of a very great responsibility, but also with the vision of a great future in front of India, if we can help her leaders to choose the right path."

I am sure that we all wish to see her united and great and powerful and that in partnership with our Allies we shall be able to solve the problems and may make contribution to the peace and prosperity of the world. I am sure that the vision had arrived in Egypt just before the war, and was for a long time the only trained division and our shield in the east."

Reverting to the Indian army, Lord Wavell said: "The Fourth Army, which had arrived in Egypt just before the war, and was for a long time the only trained division and our shield in the east."

responsibility in spite of the statutory constitutional position in India and tell the world that having accepted the responsibility, we shall do everything practicable in order to keep both our small fractions of the peasant on his own holding."

Mr. Graham White (Liberal) asked if Mr. Amery was satisfied that the Government in India are in a position to make arrangements that have been taken a sufficient supply of basic foodstuffs to the Government of India and that the Government of India will be able to deal with these matters through the various Governmental organisations responsible and have all the necessary powers to do so. Mr. Amery replied: "The Government of India would certainly not hesitate to use its power to the full if necessary, and I have used all the powers to a very considerable extent. There has undoubtedly been a good deal of profiteering and hoarding, but it is to deal with hoarding on a smaller scale, including the European and small fractions of the peasant on his own holding."

Mr. Amery: I understand the Government of Bengal has already requisitioned one of the largest scale. Lady Astor (Conservative): Will Mr. Amery make it clear to the world that this awful situation is not the fault of the British Government (some cries of 'oh').

Could I ask him to bear in mind anti-English propaganda is the existence of these conditions. Does he not think that the quickest way to bring that to an end is to end the present situation, and make I further an important element in the redistribution of food has not been the failure of the Central Government to have adequate measures of price control.

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the Central Food Department are giving assistance in the organisation of these plans but it is expected that it will be a more active rationing in Calcutta is working. Meanwhile provincial authorities have organised free relief on a considerable scale and are seeking to deal with the problem of destitute persons who find their way to the city."

It is fortunate that the jute factories and other organised industries here and elsewhere have been able to keep their employees supplied and have eased the general problem by so doing.

His Majesty's Government are giving such assistance as they can by way of facilitating the import of foodstuffs into India, but Mr. Silverman (one of the questioners) will recognise that consideration of security makes it undesirable to give detailed information as to the source of supply.

SHIPPING POSITION DICTATES ALL

"Honourable members will realise too in the light of the passage in the Prime Minister's recent statement which dealt with the shipping position, that the extent to which their assistance can be given without serious repercussions in other directions is not unlimited."

GREGORY REPORT

While these measures are being taken to deal with the short term problem an All India Committee appointed by the Central Government in July to consider long term measures has made its report. This was presented yesterday and I await the Government of India's statement of findings and their recommendations upon it. I trust it will be possible to find in the light of the recommendations the basis on which the Government, the Centre and His Majesty's Government can successfully co-operate to meet the threat to Bengal and elsewhere."

Mr. Amery then answered a number of supplementary questions. Mr. Sorensen (Labour) asked whether "it is not true that an impression has been given to the general public that the shortage in India was due to hoarding and may I further ask what measures now being taken by the Central Government of India were in the past?"

Mr. Amery: The Central Government in India started taking the matter in hand many months ago. I can assure Mr. Sorensen that the matter has been engaging the watchful attention of the Government of India for some time. I have already said that the Government of India are now being taken by the Central Government of India were in the past."

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GERMANS QUIT POLTAVA

Soviet Preparations For Definite Onslaught On Dnepropetrovsk

LONDON, Sept. 23. The German News Agency says that the Germans have evacuated Poltava.

Poltava is the gateway to the heart of the Ukraine. It is on the river Vorshla, 80 miles south-west of Kiev, and dominates the whole Ukrainian network of railways. The capture of Poltava threatens all the German armies still remaining in the Donetz Basin.

Poltava, which is at the junction of the Dnieper and the Vorshla, was captured by the Germans two years ago in their first powerful drive across Russia.

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow says: "Since dawn to-day massed squadrons of Soviet bombers have been passing bridges on the Dnieper bend. Soviet armies are taking up their final positions for a definite onslaught on Zaporozhzh and Dnepropetrovsk."

STALIN AND MOSCOW TALKS

Proposed Conference May Be Postponed

From Our Correspondent LONDON, Sept. 23. I am informed by well-informed Soviet supporters in London that thus far there is nothing definite either about the venue or agenda of the Three Power Conference which it is reported will take place in Moscow.

Mr. Stalin insists that postwar policies are as important as present-day military strategy. I would be surprised if the conference is postponed beyond the end of the year.

Future Of Liberated Territories

From Our Correspondent MOSCOW, Sept. 23.

The big question before Moscow is what about the liberated territories? The question will be raised when representatives from Britain, United States and Soviet Union meet to discuss the future of the liberated territories.

As far as is known, there has been no official Soviet pronouncement, but unofficially there is abundance of criticism here. The newest attack on "Amgot" (Allied Military Government) especially in the semi-monthly magazine "War and Work" and in the "Pravda" under the auspices of the Central Labour Unions. Basing its account of statements, the magazine raises the question whether "Amgot" is a short-term programme for the interval immediately following liberation or designed to exercise long-range influence over the future of those areas recaptured by the Allies.

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Australian Sympathy For Bengal Victims

CALCUTTA, Sept. 23. Yesterday there were 244 admissions and 50 deaths of sick destitutes in various hospitals in the city and suburbs, according to a Government Press Note.

A Narayanjan report states that 22 destitutes died.

According to a report from Berhampur, two deaths occurred this week in the streets of the town.

The number of unclaimed dead bodies of destitutes disposed of by the Municipality till September 20 totals 50, says a report from Mysore.

The cases of deaths by the roadside are daily reported. Eighty sick destitutes were admitted to hospitals, out of whom ten died. Cholera has broken out in the town and suburbs. Twenty-three persons suffering from the disease were admitted to hospital, out of whom ten died.

According to a report received here from Chandpur deaths of destitutes recorded by the Municipality from September 20 to September 23 total 100. Some dead bodies were picked up from the streets and public places. A large number of deaths from cholera, dysentery and other diseases are reported from mofussils—United Press.

Vijayalakshmi's Appeal

CALCUTTA, Sept. 23. "It is not a natural calamity, it is a man-made calamity. The management and maladministration are responsible for the food situation in Bengal."

Thus observed Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit addressing the citizens of Calcutta at the University Institute Hall at a meeting held under the auspices of the All-India Women's Conference, Calcutta Branch. Dr. Bidhan Roy presided.

Mrs. Pandit who visited several relief centres in Calcutta said that the appalling distress of the people during the past few days has been particularly the fate of the children. She saw ugly sights, and was preparing herself to see more tragic things in the districts. She appealed to the women of India to lend their support to frame a scheme to save the children and women.

Dr. Syamaprasad Mookerjee who also addressed the meeting stressed the need of supply and equitable distribution of foodgrains.

Dr. Bidhan Roy appealed to the women to frame a scheme for the welfare of a child's home.

Mrs. Pandit was accompanied by Mrs. Urmila Mehta, General Secretary of the All-India Women's Conference, Mrs. Renuka Roy, M.L.A. (central) and Mrs. Lusha Sen, Secretary of the Calcutta branch of the A.I.W.C.—United Press.

Sir Asoka Roy In Calcutta

2442 relief kitchens have so far been set up all over Bengal in addition to those in Calcutta. The number of people being fed daily at these kitchens now stands at 2,00,000.

The Law Member to the Government of India, Sir Asoka Roy, who is now here, has been visiting daily for the past few days the free kitchens and cheap canteens in the city.

Ahmedabad Millowners' Donations

CALCUTTA, Sept. 23. Seth Ramani Lal, Vice-President of the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association, and Seth Razil Mathabhai, who have come to Calcutta in connection with relief work have donated rupees 1,00,000 on behalf of the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association to the Ahmedabad Relief Committee for the relief of the destitutes in Bengal. The Ahmedabad Millowners' Association has further donated Rs. 25,000 for distribution of cloth among these people.

DEAD BODIES LYING UNCREMATED

CALCUTTA, Sept. 23. The Calcutta Corporation last night discussed the question of quicker disposal of dead bodies of destitutes at different burning ghats in the city. Councillor Mr. A. C. Mitter who raised the matter said that he was horrified to notice that 40 dead bodies of destitutes, apparently collected from different hospitals in the city, had been in the Nimtola Ghat-yard from Friday last.

The bodies were stacked in such a way that they were exposed to sun and rain and they were decomposed. With great difficulty they managed to start cremating the dead bodies. At Shahnagore Burning Ghat, the member said they found 20 such dead bodies.—A. P.

RANGPUR, Sept. 22: Three more deaths from starvation were reported in the town area yesterday.—A. P.

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All India Weather

POONA, Sept. 23: The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on Sept. 23:

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Calcutta	92 80 0.1	Cawnpore	83 74 1.1
Cuttack	92 81 0	Darjeeling	67 60 0
Delhi	95 80 0	Dehra Dun	90 74 0
Jacobabad	102 83 0	Kanachi	85 77 0
Lahore	100 80 0	Lucknow	94 80 0
Madras	95 75 1	Nagpur	79 73 1
Patna	93 82 0	Peshawar	98 75 0
Shillong	78 62 0	Srinagar	71 62 0.1

—A. P.

"Swaraj is my birth-right and I will have it". —TILAK.

The Bombay Chronicle

DEPLORABLE COMPLACENCY

Mr. Amery's statement in the Commons on famine in Bengal is calculated more to whitewash the state of things in the province than to impress the British people with the gravity of the situation. He sticks to his old complacent view that there is enough or nearly enough food grown in India and that the trouble in Bengal and in some other places is due mainly to defective distribution and hoarding. He suggests that, despite these difficulties, the Government of India and the Government of Bengal have taken and are taking all the necessary steps and that the situation will be in hand soon. If the steps taken by Government are to be judged by the results achieved, there is something seriously wrong with them. Deaths of hundreds of people by starvation are certainly not marks of an efficient handling of the situation. The plea that there was enough food to go round in the country only further condemns the measures adopted to ensure its proper distribution. The comments of the British press show that the British public is hardly satisfied with the role of the Government of India and of Bengal. The "Times" rightly feels that severe scarcity need not have arisen "if foresight had been shown". And, referring to the present methods of relief by both these Governments, the paper says that "something more and on a bolder scale is needed." The "Glasgow Herald" too, feels that the Government of India "could doubtless have moved more swiftly and decisively."

It is intriguing that both Lord Wavell and Lord Linlithgow have little or nothing to say on the Bengal tragedy. Lord Wavell has been repeatedly professing great love and goodwill for India. But when he repeatedly fails to utter a word about the deaths from starvation in India, we cannot but say there is some serious defect in his attitude towards this country. Lord Linlithgow, too, is studiously silent on this point. His silence may be constitutionally explicable but there is something unnatural about it.

However, the tragedy in Bengal is so terrible that mere condemnation of the failure of authorities, concerned, however deserved, will not by itself avail much. We have to censure them off and on because unless they see their error there

can be no improvement. As for constructive suggestions, many have been offered by the Gregory Committee and we trust they will be adopted by the Government concerned with due discrimination. The Government of India should publish without delay their decisions on the committee's recommendations.

MacArthur's Misfortune

General MacArthur has struck another out-maneuvring blow at the Japanese by landing troops north of Finschhafen. The other day he dropped a contingent near Madang to outflank that base and cut off the Japs retreating from Lae. His strategy, which is directed at annihilating the Japs in North-eastern New Guinea, has time and again caught the enemy in a hopeless trap from which there has been no escape. Very soon he will be threatening Rabaul itself from two directions. The fight will be grim and bloody and long but the Japs have no answer to the brilliant American General. His successes recall the period when, slipping the Japs in the Philippines, he arrived in Australia and set up the South-West Pacific Command with miserably poor resources even for a defensive fight. That was over a year ago. But in the period of a year he has turned the tables and is the one General, outside of China, who can claim to have beaten the Japs good and hard in many a grim battle.

Yet this great commander is the victim of political circumstances which are no fault of his. It is reported that, as a result of the talks in Quebec and Washington, it has been decided to relegate his command to a secondary position. Now the S.W. Pacific cannot but be secondary front in any serious drive against the Japanese. That land front must necessarily be Burma. But the unfortunate thing is that the man who is entitled par excellence both on account of his qualities and achievements and also in the interest of successful and speedy conduct of operations, to command the Burma front, cannot be appointed to it. There is a suggestion that President Roosevelt has some political prejudice against General MacArthur. But that is not the main reason. The prestige of "the British Empire" demands that the South-East Asia Command be led by a Briton. And Douglas MacArthur is an American. So he must remain where he is despite his brilliance and his experience of the Japs.

Amend The Order

The Newspaper Control Order, promulgated by the Government of India under the Defence of India Rules, has been in force for several months now. It restricts the number of pages of newspapers and also their price. In accordance with the provisions of that Order newspapers of the size of the "Bombay Chronicle" can print in the aggregate only 26 pages during a week of six days if they are priced at 2 annas a copy and 42 pages if the price is three annas a copy. Most of the leading newspapers throughout the country are now priced at two annas. They arrived at this decision as being the lesser of two evils—the evils of rigorously rationing news and of making the daily newspaper too highly priced for many of their readers to buy. The justification of the Order was the scarcity of newsprint owing to lack of shipping facilities. It follows therefore, once shipping facilities become available to a satisfactory extent, the Order must either be amended or ended. Two recent items of news emanating from official sources suggest that Government should seriously and immediately consider the question of amending, if not repealing, the Order.

An Associated Press message from New Delhi informed us last week that newsprint may come into India in large quantities as a result of the improved shipping position. Another item of news is the decision of the Government, now announced, to permit the publication of special war news supplements of newspapers. Our own information is that not only may newsprint soon come into India in large quantities but that during the last few weeks large quantities of newspapers have already arrived in India. In fact, the stock of newsprint now in India and expected to be in the country within a few weeks justifies an immediate reconsideration of the question with a view to the amendment or cancellation of the Newspaper Control Order. We suggest that at least, as a beginning, newspapers may be permitted to revert to the position as it stood when the latest Order was promulgated.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Wartime Awakening

Colour discrimination in Imperial Britain is nothing new, nor is it confined to hotels and boarding houses. But the case of Leary Constantine, the famous West Indies negro cricketer, has created a sensation mainly because of

the present circumstances. The case is the subject of legal proceedings by Constantine against the hotel concerned but it was raised in the House of Commons. And the interesting thing about it is that a Conservative M. P., and the Colonial Secretary joined in denouncing racial discrimination in Britain. Indeed, the Home Secretary himself is shortly going to interest himself in the question. All this is new and novel. But let there be no mistake about it. This outbreak of anti-colonial spirit is not due to a sudden awakening of conscience and of a sense of human brotherhood. It is due to the stress of war and, as Reuters themselves unconsciously admit, the presence of thousands of coloured Americans. It is just possible that the Oliver Stanleys and Herbert Williamises of Imperial Britain may quietly drop their new-found racial equality after the emergency—the gravest in the history of Britain—has safely and finally over. It is, in fact, more than possible.

A Warning

Reuters' Diplomatic correspondent is not wrong in his interpretation of General Tojo's frankness and anxiety. His admission that "the general position is grave" and his appeal that "all classes of the Japanese people must realise the seriousness of the position both at home and abroad and the difficulties of its tasks" are genuine. They have been wrung out of him by sheer force of circumstances. The situation, has, within a year, changed drastically against the Japs. They have suffered truly grievous losses so much so that they have not only been compelled for any offensive operation—except in China—but even find it difficult to conduct a successful defensive war. They are threatened with disaster to which they are not blind. That is the main point that emerges from Tojo's speech and the new measures he has enforced. He calls upon his people to prepare in good time for the dangers that are approaching. And, given time, thanks to the fanatical docility of the Japs, he may succeed to a considerable extent. The Japs are more determined fighters than are Germans. They will not be defeated easily and, therefore, the longer the Allies take to prepare their defences the more terrible and bloody will be the fight against them. Tojo's new measures and his speech are really a grave warning to America and Britain.

Chinese Year Book

The Chinese Year Book for 1943 (the sixth issue) is a unique publication for the reason that it has been printed in India. It is prepared from material obtained from official and other public sources by the Council of International Affairs, Chungking. The contributors to the volume are recognized authorities in their respective fields of endeavours. The reason why the present volume is unique is that it is thus given by the Director of Council of International Affairs. "After the publication of the fifth issue of the Year Book the Pacific War finally came and made its effect felt even in the production of a new edition of this work. The blockade of the Burma route and the consequent preclusion of material and facilities in the hinterland of China have rendered it advisable to print the present volume in India." The book, as the Director says, records China's "untiring efforts at social, political and economic reconstruction in the midst of armed resistance." It is priced at Rs. 18/8. But it is more than worth the price. It is published by Thacker & Company, Bombay.

City Police

According to the City Police Administration Report for 1942, political offences and cases under the D.I. Rules numbered 6506 as against 2634 in the previous year. The increase in the number of cases is larger if the cases in the year ending August, 1943, were compared with those for the previous twelve months. Explaining a general increase in crime in 1942, the report states that the Congress campaign "resulted in a general unsettlement of the ordinary criminal population, which seized the opportunity of Police pre-occupation to make hay while the sun shone." A more accurate way of stating the fact was that the criminal element took advantage of the natural duties in the hunt for political offenders that were non-existent. The hunt was tempting for at least this one reason that offence had to be proved against detenus in any court of law.

SIR AZIZUL HUQUE ARRIVES IN BOMBAY

Last Visit's Interesting Side-light Recalled

The Hon. Sir M. Azizul Huque, Commerce Member to the Government of India arrived in Bombay, this morning and was received at the Central Station by Sir Rahimtoola Chitambar, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, Mr. Passmore, Additional Commissioner, Textiles Directorate, Mr. T. C. Chowdhury, Import Trade Controller and other officials. Sir Azizul will be in Bombay till Friday evening, when he will leave for Calcutta.

There is an interesting sidelight to the Commerce Member's visits to this city. A number of his friends had planned parties in his honour during the last visit. Sir Azizul would not do this. "Give me that money instead for starving Bengal," he said. The collection from persons of means was enough to buy a thousand maunds of

Ahmedabad Millowners' Petition Rejected

No Justification For Reduction In Existing Scale Of Dearness Allowance: Industrial Court's Award

Rejecting the petition of the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association, making a plea for a substantial reduction in the quantum of dearness allowance sanctioned to the employees in the textile mills at Ahmedabad under the awards of the Industrial Court in 1940 and 1941 Mr. Justice Divatia (president) Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha and Mr. D. V. Vyasa (members) of the Industrial Court in the course of their award state:

METHOD OF CALCULATION
It has been pointed out to us that even assuming that the method of calculation by way of percentage of Ahmedabad Association is correct, the condition of the industry at the present moment would not be appreciably worse than what it was in the year 1941. If one takes the August figure for the price of the Standard Cloth which would prevail during the next three months, the percentage rise would not be 94.12 per cent, but 95.91 per cent. Similarly, in the price of Standard Cloth taking the August prices, which would apply for the months of August, September and October, the percentage rise would not be 104.81 per cent but 111.5 per cent.

It is true that in the case of Standard Cloth the prices taken in the Annexure I of the rejoinder are somewhat higher than the prices which have been recently fixed by the Textile Commissioner in his Order dated 4th September 1943.

On the other hand it appears that the percentage rise in the cost of cotton is not 124.08 per cent as has been calculated by the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association in the Annexure F to the rejoinder, but August prices are somewhat lower. If the same method is applied in calculating the percentage rise in the cost of production and the percentage rise in the prices of cloth, we would find that the cost of production is 193 as against 198 calculated by the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association and the price of cloth would be 222, thus giving a difference of 29, which works out roughly as 15 per cent on the cost of production of 193.

MARGIN OF PROFIT

So even if the method of calculation adopted by the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association is correct, the margin of profit is 15 per cent at present as against 16.7 per cent in the year 1941.

"We have already stated that this method is, in our opinion, fallacious but assuming that it is correct, the condition of the industry calculated on that basis does not appear to be appreciably worse than what it was in the year 1941."

NOT JUSTIFIED

For all these reasons we are not satisfied that the condition of the industry at present is such as to justify a reduction in the existing scale of the dearness allowance. It may be that the actual results of the three adverse factors may be more apparent after some months and the balance-sheets of this year will be able to reflect it.

If, therefore, the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association can furnish us with actual figures showing in their effect by the end of March 1944, we should be prepared to reconsider the matter in April 1944 in the light of the data then being available. At present, however, the petition must be rejected.

The meeting of the Advisory Committee with Mr. C. Setalvad with Mr. J. C. Shah appeared for the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association. Mr. Shuldas J. Desai, instructed by Messrs. Manilal Kher Ambalal and Co., Solicitors appeared for the Textile Labour Association.

The Advocate-General appeared for the Government of Bombay.

Mr. S. S. Rege, Government Labour Officer, Ahmedabad appeared in person.

Award Of "54-Hours A Week"

The Industrial Court has given the following award in the dispute arising between the Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad and the Bhalakia Mills Co. Ltd., Ahmedabad:—

Hours of work:—After the Submission was made the

rice which have just been despatched to Bengal.

Sir Azizul will preside over a meeting of the War Risks Insurance Advisory Committee on Thursday afternoon.

War Risks Insurance Committee Parleys

BOMBAY, Thursday.
The question of reduction in the rate of insurance premium under the Goods Scheme, it is understood, was reviewed to-day by the War Risks Insurance Advisory Committee, particularly in the light of the favourable turn in the War situation. It may be noted that this committee, since the rate has already been reduced to 2 annas for the next quarter ending December 1943.

The meeting of the Advisory Committee which was presided over by the Hon. Sir M. Azizul Huque, Commerce Member to the Government of India, discussed various points specially in relation to the movement of goods special provisions being made in the goods whereby the consignor gets paid before time. Many administrative details were discussed at the meeting.

The position of the factory scheme was also reviewed.

The Advisory Committee will meet again to-morrow (Friday).

INDIVIDUAL RATION CARDS FOR C WARD

Individual ration cards which will replace the present family ration cards in the C Ward of the city will be delivered by Rationing Inspectors at their houses to residents of Khara, Talao and Kumbharwada in C Ward on September 25 and 26. The hours of distribution will be 7-30 to 11 in the morning and 5 to 9 in the evening on each day.

Residents of these localities are therefore requested to stay indoors during those hours on the specified days with all members of their household to receive their cards.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

General Tojo's announcement may come as a rude awakening to the Japanese people but they will doubtless respond with their characteristic stoicism. The whole speech illustrates the American Ambassador Mr. Grew's forecast that the Japanese will tighten their belts and put up with untold rigours before they are defeated.

—Reuter.

Speaking at a function in honour of the Fourth "Indian" Division Mr. Amery said that India "will need to be defended, she will always need a strong army."

To fight whose war, sorry, we mean, of course, "defend" India against whom?

Or does he mean that India will "always" remain—we shouldn't be surprised if it does.

Being in a characteristically prophetic mood, Mr. Amery also emphasised that "the peace within the wall will need to be maintained through the army."

In case you might misunderstand let us assure you that there is no anti-Indian insinuation involved in Mr. Amery's "wall".

And certainly it does not constitute a proud recognition of British imperialism's agricultural seed-sowing achievements.

Mr. Amery wants India "to realise how genuine is the goodwill of the people of this country towards India."

Particularly of the City of London, the Carlton Club and the hundred representatives in Parliament. We can well believe Mr. L. S. Amery.

Mr. Churchill's Commons speech shows, according to Anglo-India, that the Allies have the war won in hand, have planned far ahead and are under no illusions about their great task.

So far as Mr. Churchill is concerned he has certainly planned far ahead as witness his repeated references to "the Empire", which also clearly prove that he has no illusions as to the humbug of democratic peace aims and world order.

The British Colonial Secretary has strongly condemned racial discrimination against colonial people in England.

This is for to-day. To-morrow when the Peace Conference has duly confirmed Britain in perpetual trusteeship of the colonial people—well, we shall hear more about it.

Marshall Badoglio promises the people of Italy that "Italy will surge from this tragedy stronger than ever. All Italians remain united and confident of victory."

We fear he may prove correct having already staked his share in "victory", almost, exactly a Mussolini. By the way it is interesting to note how the brutality and inhumanity, till yesterday, of Italian use of poison gas in Abyssinia, which has now been completely forgotten by Mr. Winston Churchill.

PHOTO BY WIRELESS

Not far away from Bombay where the seashore and the hills meet has sprung up a new wartime activity. Science and the wireless have combined to make this little spot full of commercial possibilities. The wireless is of great utility to the newspaper world in the post-war era.

The United States War Information Department have started here a telephoto receiving station which may conceivably revolutionise the entire photo-distributing service which caters to the press in India.

Journalists who were specially invited to witness a demonstration of the reception of some pictures transmitted from Algiers on Thursday afternoon saw how the service operates. Within seven minutes from the time of the announcing signal the picture came through. It took another two minutes for development and a couple of minutes more for fixing. Within 17 minutes the picture was developed, fixed, washed and ready for distribution.

All the pictures received in the presence of the newspapermen were topical war news pictures dealing with the campaign against Italy. They were very distinct and clear. The station receives about twenty pictures a day, most of which come from Algiers and New York and some from Moscow and Stockholm.

The journalists returned after partaking of lunch provided by Mr. Charles Pope, the Director of the Station. They were conducted round the place by Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Davies of the U. S. O. W. I. Bombay.

Bengal Relief Fund, Bombay Committee

Donations received on 23-9-43 to the Bengal Relief Fund, Bombay Committee:—Staff of Messrs. Curramally Jannamohamed Rs. 57, Messrs. R. M. Shah & Co. Rs. 201, Mr. Jivani Maniklal Rs. 50, Mrs. Lilavati Chimanlal Rs. 50, Presidency Magistrate 8th Court, Girgaum, Bombay Rs. 50, Mr. and Mrs. Ruston F. Forsvale Rs. 500, A Sympathiser Rs. 200, Mr. R. Das Rs. 100, Messrs. Bhavnani Khimdas and Co. Rs. 1,001, Mr. B. E. Dadarkar Rs. 51, Eynulla Street Bazaar Merchants Rs. 50, Mr. S. Ramash Rs. 100, The V. C. O. of "B. M. T. Reinforcement Centre, Deolali, 69, Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy Rs. 500, K. A. Patch Esq. Rs. 250, Dinshaw Bapuji Dadurbhai Esq. Rs. 200, Harikandas Laksmdas Esq. J.P. Rs. 101, Manubhai Lalbhai Rs. 51, Messrs. Sankalchand Damodaradas & Co. Rs. 100, "B. A. P. Rs. 100, The Lady Superintendent, Staff & Students of Majra Girls' High School, Bhavnagar Rs. 311-8, Sorab S. Engineer Esq. Rs. 101, Lodge St. Paul, S. C. Mhow Rs. 50, Collections thru Mrs. Ranbir Singh Rs. 1,071, Collections thru Mrs. Ranbir Singh Rs. 112, The New Kaiser-I-Hind Mills Rs. 2,500, The Finlay Mills Rs. 1,750, The Swan Mills Rs. 1,750, The Gold Mohur Mills Rs. 1,750 and Donations received from the Paper Merchants, Bombay Rs. 11,703. Total as at 23-9-43 Rs. 8,81,996-4-1.

realistic picture of the lives of Buddhist saints.

While speaking of Buddhist saints Prof. Bhagwat took a parallel from the saints of Maharashtra like Ramdas and Tukaram, and showed that every saint had to pass through three periods of formation, preparation and realisation. Sainthood, said the speaker, consisted in the realisation of the self and imbibing a spirit of selflessness.

P. R. Shah Released

POONA, Sept. 23.
Mr. Poptalal Ramachandra Shah, ex-President of the Poona City Municipality who was detained since 9th August 1942, was released unconditionally this morning from the Nasik Jail. Mr. Poptalal arrived in Poona this afternoon.—A. P.

M. A. BHAGWAT ON BUDDHIST SAINTS

Speaking under the auspices of the P. B. N. at the premises of the Royal Asiatic Society on Thursday evening, Prof. M. A. Bhagwat gave a vivid and

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tary of the Cricket Club of India,
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Sunrise: 7-20 a.m. Sunset 7-34 p.m.
High tide: 9-18, 21-03; Low tide 2-02,
1-54.
"Haj Committee" meeting at 5-30
p.m. (S.T.) at Haj Committee Office.

Local Engagements

NOTICE TO JURYMEN
Special Jurors' attention is drawn
to the notice appearing in the Pub-
lic Notifications Column.

STUDENTS' UNITY COMMITTEE
Meeting at 6 p.m. at the office of
the Committee at 42, Kennedy Bridge.
BOMBAY PHILOSOPHICAL SO-
CIETY-Prof. James Kellock will read
to-day (Friday) at Wilson College at
6 p.m.

HEALTH EDUCATION LECTURES:
Dr. Mrs. J. M. Desai-Souza will speak
on "Medicine and Child" to-day (Fri-
day) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Uni-
versity Convocation Hall. Mrs. Lila-
vati Munchi will preside.

SOCIAL WORKERS SOCIETY-A
public lecture will be given by Mrs.
Tara Ali Baig, who has just returned
from the famine stricken area of
Bihar, on "The Emergence of a New
Famine" to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m.
at the Blavatsky Lodge, Chaupatty.

ELWIN'S LECTURE-Under the
auspices of the University of Bom-
bay, Mr. Verrier Elwin will deliver
his second lecture on "Anthropology
in Modern India" in the Lecture
Theatre, University School of Eco-
nomics and Sociology to-day (Friday)
commencing at 6 p.m. Mr. B. J.
Wadia, Vice-Chancellor will preside.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHI-
TECTS-Under the auspices of the
Indian Institute of Architects, Mr.
N. K. Patil, will deliver a public
lecture on "The Architect As I See
Him" at 6-15 p.m. (N.S.T.) to-day at
the Registered Office of the Institute
The Shri P. Bhargava Architects
Library. The President Mr. S.
H. Parekh, will preside.

NILGIRI POTATOES FOR
BOMBAY

The Public Relations Officer, Ra-
tioning, writes: "In order to par-
tially relieve the scarcity of potatoes
in Bombay City and to ensure sup-
plies at a reasonable retail price to
Government of the made arrangements
to obtain a monthly quota of 800
tons of Nilgiri potatoes. One con-
signment has already arrived in the
city and has been put on the mar-
ket for sale to the public through
retail shopkeepers and itinerant dealers
at not exceeding annas
three per lb."

NEW YORK COTTON.
October 20 51-08, December 20 17-08,
January 20 08-07, Middling Spot
21 15-08.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
October 20 65-07, December 20 44-08,
January 20 34-08, Middling Spot
20 25-12.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.
October 20 57, December 20 22, March
20 02.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE
CALCUTTA, Sept. 23.
The market ruled practically un-
changed and prices in most instan-
ces ruled at about yesterday's level.
The volume of business was also fair
and Government securities were un-
changed.

FIVE WAR TOPICALS
IN TOWN
By T. V. P.

An analysis of the English film fare
this week shows that there are five
war topical, two musicals, one spec-
tacular and one historical including
three second run pictures, but all quite
enjoyable stuff.

"NAZI AGENT" AT METRO
Conrad Veidt, who usually appears
in strange characterisation, does so
again in "Nazi Agent" at Metro. He
plays a dual role; twin brothers one
a kindly, gentle bookworm, the other
the sinister ruler of a ring of inter-
national spies and saboteurs. Through
ingenious camera technique they talk
together, fight together, yet each is a
distinctly different person.

"THE BIG BLOCKADE"
The Big Blockade" at Excelsior
opens in the summer before the war
in Budapest with a discussion on the
train between Herr Schneider, a Ger-
man businessman, and Mr. Taylor,
a British Economist. War breaks
out, and we see the long prepared
machinery of the Blockade being put
into action.

"PILOT NO. 5" AT STRAND
A dramatic character study of
what makes an American pilot tick
is presented by employing a flash-
back method against the timely back-
ground of Java under Jap fire in
Metro's "Pilot No. 5" released for the
first time in Bombay at Strand.

"CHINA" AND "WAKE ISLAND"
The Chinese people's heroic struggle
against the Japanese invaders is the
subject of "China" continued for
another week at Regal. "Wake Island"
also a Paramount picture of Japa-
nese invasion on American marines
posts in the Pacific is revived at
Aurora.

"OTHER PICTURES"
"Something to Shout About" at
New Empire and "Holiday Inn" re-
vived at Palace are the two musicals
"Arabian Nights" continued for an-
other week at Novelty is obviously
the spectacular and "Suez" at Eros is
the historical starring Tyrone Power and
Loretta Young.

The July issue of ASIA magazine
is a special issue saluting China on
the seventh anniversary of its war
with Japan. It is one of the first
COPIES of this issue to reach this
country. In it there is a brilliant
article by Lin Yutang on the "Future
of Asia". I feel it would interest our
readers to reproduce a few relevant
passages from this article:

"I see nothing but starvation and
chaos and bloodshed in Asia. I know
the Allied policy there will grow into
disaster with mounting confusion
before the war is over. In the war
councils of to-day, there is a blind
spot and that spot is Asia. There
will be more planes sent to China as
a gesture to pacify the American pub-
lic so it will be lulled into silence, but
the basic policy will be unchanged..."

Lin Yutang continues: "...No
insoluble problems exist if the Chris-
tian Powers will let Malaya, the
Dutch East Indies, Siam, Indo-China,
Burma and all of them as they are
aspire to self-government and all of
them will give trouble to Europe not
when they are masters but only when
they are to be exploited as slaves..."

Mr. A. A. Jashdenwala, has donated
a sum of Rs. 10,000 for Bengal Re-
lief. The last time I read Mr. A's
name in the "Sentinel", it was also
in a headline, where someone said
he was a dictator or something. Put-
ting the two together, an appropriate
headline would be: "The Dictator
Melts".

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AT NEW WEST END

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Sept. 23
SHARES: The local share bazar
was fairly steady with a moderate
turnover. In the meantime members
are busy evening up all open con-
tracts other than those against deliv-
ery notices will be issued. To-mor-
row is the last day for squaring up
open forward business. It is believed
that large delivery notices will be
issued and to get through will need
some time. Thus the Board is report-
ed to have decided not to do fresh
business week and pass over deliv-
eries against all business left open at
the close on Friday. Fresh business
will be commenced from the 4th Oc-
tober on a weekly settlement basis
and no business will be allow-
ed. Looking to the general state, the
market situation seems to be healthy
and in the absence of investment fa-
cilities, in commodity market, all
floating funds will seek employment.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Tata Steel Dtds. (1,867/12) 1873, 80, 66,
73, 77, 70 (377/8) 379, 80, 78/8, 80,
79, 80, 79/8

Dyeing (1,997/8) 2,015, 10, 18, 2/8,
17/10, 15, 32, 22, 28

Century (876) 886, 80, 84, 75, 86, 82,
88, 85, 89

Kohinoor (612) 620, 12, 15, 9, 16,
12, 14, 15, 17

Nagpur (438) 438, 33, 35, 31, 34, 33,
36, 35, 39

Swadeshi (555) 552, 61, 65, 61, 64, 66,
63, 71, 78

Simplex (274/8) 276, 73/8, 75, 73, 74,
75, 74, 77, 77

New Great (410) 415, 10, 14, 15, 14, 16,
20

Cement (217/8) 218/8, 17/8, 18, 16/8,
17/8

In shares of companies which are fi-
nancially sound and are in a position
to declare dividends. Thus there
seems little chance for any important
decline in share values. The market
will be narrow and in the absence of
supply of forward contracts, prices
will tend to reach higher levels in
response to favourable war develop-
ments and increase in paper curren-
cy. Tata Steel Dtds. opened at Rs.
1880 and after declining to Rs. 1855
improved to Rs. 1876, while Ordinary
shares were quoted at Rs. 379/8. Bom-
bay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 2015
and after declining to Rs. 2005 im-
proved to Rs. 2015. Century shares
were quoted at Rs. 882 and Kohinoors
stood at Rs. 615.

SILVER: Yesterday London Gold
was unchanged at 48-8-0. Dollar Ster-
ling Cross Rate was 4-02-1/2 to
4-03-1/2 at London and 4-03-3/4 at
New York. London spot and forward
Silver quotations were unchanged at
23-1/2d, and New York Spot Silver was
quoted at 46-1/4 cents. Bank gold at
usual at Rs. 76-6 and the demand was
falling off. Some professional op-
erators who held the recent upward
move are inclined to liquidate and
gold after declining to Rs. 74-12 im-
proved to Rs. 75-4. It is advisable
to have no interest pending further
developments. Silver was quoted at
Rs. 120 and the market was quiet.

Later on the market was steady with
moderate demand for Silver. Ready
Silver was quoted at Rs. 121-8, delivery
Rs. 121, Ready Gold Rs. 16 delivery
Rs. 75-14 and Sovereigns at Rs. 33-4.

NEW YORK COTTON.
October 20 51-08, December 20 17-08,
January 20 08-07, Middling Spot
21 15-08.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
October 20 65-07, December 20 44-08,
January 20 34-08, Middling Spot
20 25-12.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.
October 20 57, December 20 22, March
20 02.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE
CALCUTTA, Sept. 23.
The market ruled practically un-
changed and prices in most instan-
ces ruled at about yesterday's level.
The volume of business was also fair
and Government securities were un-
changed.

FIVE WAR TOPICALS
IN TOWN
By T. V. P.

An analysis of the English film fare
this week shows that there are five
war topical, two musicals, one spec-
tacular and one historical including
three second run pictures, but all quite
enjoyable stuff.

"NAZI AGENT" AT METRO
Conrad Veidt, who usually appears
in strange characterisation, does so
again in "Nazi Agent" at Metro. He
plays a dual role; twin brothers one
a kindly, gentle bookworm, the other
the sinister ruler of a ring of inter-
national spies and saboteurs. Through
ingenious camera technique they talk
together, fight together, yet each is a
distinctly different person.

"THE BIG BLOCKADE"
The Big Blockade" at Excelsior
opens in the summer before the war
in Budapest with a discussion on the
train between Herr Schneider, a Ger-
man businessman, and Mr. Taylor,
a British Economist. War breaks
out, and we see the long prepared
machinery of the Blockade being put
into action.

"PILOT NO. 5" AT STRAND
A dramatic character study of
what makes an American pilot tick
is presented by employing a flash-
back method against the timely back-
ground of Java under Jap fire in
Metro's "Pilot No. 5" released for the
first time in Bombay at Strand.

"CHINA" AND "WAKE ISLAND"
The Chinese people's heroic struggle
against the Japanese invaders is the
subject of "China" continued for
another week at Regal. "Wake Island"
also a Paramount picture of Japa-
nese invasion on American marines
posts in the Pacific is revived at
Aurora.

"OTHER PICTURES"
"Something to Shout About" at
New Empire and "Holiday Inn" re-
vived at Palace are the two musicals
"Arabian Nights" continued for an-
other week at Novelty is obviously
the spectacular and "Suez" at Eros is
the historical starring Tyrone Power and
Loretta Young.

OUR TABULATED ADLETS

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20. **MATRIMONIAL**
Young Doctor 30 years Bachelor M.B.B.S., practising in Bombay wants to marry a young lady Doctor. Correspondence confidential. Apply immediately Box No. 2753, "Bombay Chronicle."

42. **SITUATIONS VACANT**
Wanted:—Matrices, Non-Matrices for sub-offices establishment in Bombay Presidency. Apply The Indo Finance & Transportation Corporation, Delhi. (2763)
Wanted:—By Respectable and well established firm one Rextine and Leather Frame-maker. Future prospect assured. Apply Box No. 2753, "Bombay Chronicle."

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Wanted a maternity trained nurse (Hindu preferred). Apply with certificates to Box No. 2748, "Bombay Chronicle."

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Wanted experienced Readers and Copy holders with good command over English language. Apply in own hand writing with testimonials stating qualifications to the Manager, "Bombay Chronicle" between 2 and 4 p.m.

362. **MACHINERY WANTED**
Wanted Machines for making 4 gallon tins. Apply Parle Products Mfg. Co., Near Kalbadevi P.O., Bombay 2. (2759)

652. **MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**
For Sale—Any Vehicle D. C. Ceiling, Table Exhaust Fan. Ready Stock. Enquire Pobi & Co., 3 Mangoe Lane, 2nd Floor, Calcutta. (6185)

For Sale at Naini-Tal. A large double storied building centrally situated on the Mall fetching an annual rental of Rs. 8,000 and containing the only Indian Cinema in the station on the ground floor, and a Restaurant and Business premises on the top floor. The sale includes a double Talkie projector, equipment and furniture. The estimated value is calculated on 25 years rental (Rs. 2 lakhs) or nearest offer. Apply to Dr. S. M. Elahi P.G.D. (New York) Dental Surgeon, Naini-Tal. (2716)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
Hydraulic Engineer's Department

TENDERS accompanied with a deposit of Rs. 810/- for the supply of (1) 600 gallons and alternatively for 1,800 gallons of Red Lead Ready Mixed Paint for base coat, (2) 350 gallons and alternatively 1,380 gallons of Ready Mixed Paint with Graphite Base for covering coat, and (3) 2,080 gallons of Paint with bituminous base as a covering coat are invited and will be received upto 1 P.M. (B.T.) on the 15th day of October, 1943.

Tenders should be enclosed in a sealed envelope superscribed "Tenders for the supply of Anti-corrosive paints for steel pipes and Bridges: Hydraulic Engineer's Department and addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay.

Forms of tenders, specifications, etc., will be issued on payment of Rs. 2/- to any one deputed to receive them by the Undersigned, who will on application give any further information that may be required.

E. A. NADIRSHAH,
Hydraulic Engineer,
Improvements Trust Building,
Napier Road, Fort,
Bombay,.....1943. (6214)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORTERS are informed that in order to ensure the availability of shipping space in July-December, 1943, for goods to be shipped from the United Kingdom, North America, Australasia, South Africa, East Africa, Middle East and South America during that period, their applications for import licences to cover such goods should be submitted as early as possible. In their own interests importers are advised, wherever possible, to submit such applications before the 30th September, 1943. Any applications received after this date may not be considered for the issue of licences for the July-December, 1943, period save in exceptional circumstances only.

2. In the case of goods to be imported from the above countries which are licensed under Essentiality Quotas based on past imports, importers are informed that applications received after the 30th September, 1943, shall not be considered for the issue of such licences for July-December, 1943, period.

P. C. CHAUDHURI,
Dy. Chief Controller of Imports,
New Custom House,
Bombay, 23-9-43. (6220)

NOTICE TO JURYMEN.
GENTLEMEN of the Special Jury, summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend at the High Court, on 2nd floor, on Friday, the 24th September, 1943, at 10-45 A.M. (S.T.).
J. N. DUGGAN,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 23rd September, 1943. (6219)

PUBLIC NOTICES

PRIZE OF RS. 5,000 OFFERED

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With a view to assist in the plans of the development of Indian Banking and Indian Industry The Traders' Bank Ltd., Lahore offers two prizes, the first prize of Rs. 4,000/- and the second prize of Rs. 1,000/- for the best and the second best thesis respectively on the following subject:

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3. Lala Shiv Raj, Managing Director, The Traders' Bank, Ltd., Lahore.

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Traders' Bank Building,
Lahore (Punjab).

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In view of the importance of the subject and the desire of the Bank Board of Directors that the best possible thesis on the subject may be forthcoming it has been decided to impose no restrictions as to the class or domicile of the persons desiring to submit the thesis. The competition is thus open to all.

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RAGHU RAJ,
Secretary.

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SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED for Earthwork, Bridges, Masonry, buildings in connection with Doubling the Railway line divided into 32 zones with average cost of 20.40 lakhs per zone.

Location of zones, details of work, rate tenders, conditions of contract and all such information can be obtained from the Office of the Chief Engineer, Construction, Saidpur.

Tender forms may be obtained from the Chief Engineer, Construction's Office during office hours on week days between 27th September and 5th October, at a cost of Rs. 25/- each which will not be returned on rejection of tender.

Earnest money should be deposited with the Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer, B. & A. Railway, Calcutta, or the Deputy Chief Accounts Officer, Construction, Saidpur, to the extent of Rs. 5,000/- to cover tender for 2 zones and an additional sum of Rs. 2,000/- for each other zone tendered for.

A copy of the receipt from the Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer, covering the deposit money should be enclosed with the tender and if any contractor is represented at the opening of tenders he should be able to present the original receipt.

Tenders will be opened on the 7th of October, 1943 at 10 A.M. Tenderers are invited to be present.

CHIEF ENGINEER,
Construction,
B. & A. Ry., Saidpur.
5201

NOTICE

WANTED A temporary/full time Teacher for the Government Leather Working School for English, Arithmetic and Marathi in the scale of pay of Rs. 45-5-15-E.B.-5-145-E.B.-6-175 plus C.L.A. The candidate should be a B.A., B.T., strong in Mathematics or a B.Com. capable of teaching English and Commercial Arithmetic. The applications should reach the Superintendent, the Government Leather Working School, Bandra, Bombay, on or before 4th October, 1943. (6211)

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
(SUPPLY)

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following temporary posts in the Statistics Branch:—
One post of SENIOR ASSISTANT in the grade of Rs. 180-10-200-E.B.-15-260 and two posts of Junior Assistants in the grade of Rs. 100-5-120-E.B.-10-220.

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Applications should be forwarded to the Establishment Officer, Finance Department (Supply), Secretariat, Bombay, not later than the 5th October, 1943. (6227)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAYARAM VITHALDAS MEHTA for self and as the manager or Karta of the joint Hindu Family consisting of himself and his three adult sons and his minor grand children, Dr. NAGINDAS DAYARAM MEHTA, ISHWARLAL DAYARAM MEHTA, THAKORLAL DAYARAM MEHTA, PUSHPA NAGINDAS MEHTA, KISHORCHANDRA ISHWARLAL MEHTA and HARISHABU ISHWARLAL MEHTA all the last three being minors by their respective father the said Dr. Nagindas Dayaram Mehta, and Ishwarlal Mehta, all of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to our clients free from all incumbrances.

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SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTIES.

FIRSTLY:—All that piece of land of quit and ground rent tenure containing by admeasurement 223 Square Yards but according to the Cadastral Survey 227 Square Yards registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 151, 152, 191, 194, New Nos. 11470, 11471, 11507, 11509 Old Survey No. 223 New Survey Nos. 23453 and Cadastral Survey No. 165 of Mazagaon Division together with the message, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate at 2nd Carpenter Street in the registration Sub-District of Bombay and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward Nos. 6894 and 6896, Old Street Nos. 2-4-1 and present Street Nos. 6 and 6A bounded on the East by Carpenter Lane, on the North and West by the property formerly of Meherji Rustomji Kharas but now of the Trustees of Sir Mahomed Yusuf Family Trust and on the South by 2nd Carpenter Street aforesaid.

SECONDLY:—All that piece of land of quit and ground rent tenure containing by admeasurement 180 Square Yards and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 324 of Mazagaon Division together with the buildings standing thereon situate at Matarpachady Road assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward No. 5864, Old Street No. 60 and present Street No. 33-E and bounded on the East by Mahapachady Road on the West by the property formerly of J. J. D'Silva on the South by the property of Ebrahim Mahomed Rowli and on the North by a Public Passage, partly in the occupation of the Vendors and his family.

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Dated this 23rd day of September, 1943.

UNVALA & CO.,
Attorneys for Messrs. Patel & Ramdutt.
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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM THE 23RD TO 24TH FRIDAY.

AUCTION SALE OF CARD CANS, ROLLER & CLEARER CLOTH, HAIR BELTING, ELASTIC DOBBY, HARNES, ETC.

On behalf and account of the concerned, MRS. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction To-day Friday the 24th September, 1943, at 2-30 P.M. (N.S.T.) at their Rooms.

About 1,000 Fibre Card Cans. About 500 Steel Card Cans. 8 Pcs. 20 oz. Clearer Cloth abt. 500 yds.

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